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### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 and 8-24 are all of the claims presently pending in the application.

Applicants have canceled claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 2-6 and 8-24 are allowed. Applicants maintain that all of claims 1-24 are allowable. Merely in an effort to speed prosecution, however, Applicants have canceled claim 7 to place the Application in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicants are not conceding that claim 7 is not patentable, as Applicants are merely canceling these claims to expedite prosecution. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation patent applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-6 and 8-24, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, Applicants requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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